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For	:	DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID	)	
		SEQUENCE DIFFERENCES USING	)	
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		POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTIONS	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**Box: Patent Application**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, lines 2-3, please revise the paragraph to read as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/440,523, filed November 15, 1999, ~~allowed~~, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,473, filed May 28, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,027,889, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/018,532, filed May 29, 1996.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11-28 and 35-50.

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